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RE: Archeological Clearance for Proposed Drill Locations and Access Roads in N₂ of N₂ of Section 13, T13N, R11W, Navajo Indian Lands Near Haystack Mountain. (76-5)

Dear Mr. Warnock:

Enclosed is correspondence regarding archeological clearance for 101 proposed drill locations and associated access roads, located just north of the base of Haystack Mountains on the Navajo Reservation in McKinley County, New Mexico. The proposed drill locations are shown in green, and the proposed access roads in blue, on the enclosed maps.

Staff Archeologists Charles Carroll and James Enloe, of the Office of Contract Archeology in Albuquerque, New Mexico, conducted the survey of the project area. A total of eight (8) archeological sites were located during the course of the survey, and these were mapped, staked, flagged, recorded, and photographed. The eight archeological sites are shown in red on the enclosed maps. Proposed drill locations were planned within four (4) of the archeological sites (TEDCO 5, 6, 8, and 9), and the proposed access road crosses TEDCO 4. The archeological survey was conducted on April 23 and 24, 1976, and evidently the proposed exploration plan was not available at that time, as there is no indicated suggestion for re-location of the proposed drill locations within archeological sites.

Archeological clearance cannot be granted for those five proposed drill locations within the four archeological site boundaries, (these are shown with a yellow triangle surrounding the green proposed location on enclosed Map 1). Archeological clearance cannot be granted for that section of proposed access road which crosses TEDCO 4, (another archeological site) which is shown on enclosed Map 2. Archeological clearance can be granted for these areas, if the five proposed drill locations are moved outside of the four archeological

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site's confines, and the access road can be re-routed to avoid the archeological site (TEDCO 4) it now crosses, and a letter to that effect should be sent to this office so this remaining clearance portion can then be granted.

Archeological clearance is granted for the remaining proposed drill locations and access roads, (as specified on the enclosed maps) with the following stipulations:

If buried antiquities are encountered during earth-modifying activities, all work must cease in the immediate area of the exposed antiquities. This office must be notified to examine the remains and determine if archeological salvage is warranted prior to the resumption of work in the discovery area. If archeological salvage is deemed necessary, the salvage must be completed before earth-modifying activities are resumed in the affected area.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce A. Anderson, Archeologist, in this office at (505) 988-6501.

Sincerely yours

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Enclosures

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